

OLA Awards New \$425,000 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services Grant for the Latino Community

In March, OLA announced the agencies and programs that will receive funds under the 2004 Latino Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services Grant. Mayor Anthony A. Williams, through the DC Department of Health Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) and OLA, has designated \$425,000 in funds for the development, facilitation and improvement of health programs, projects and services, addressed to diminishing the negative effects of substance abuse for the Latino community.

This grant is aimed at improving health opportunities for Latino residents of the District in three priority areas: substance abuse prevention and education for seniors, fetal alcoholism prevention, and inpatient treatment for adult Latinos. OLA is in charge of managing this grant and monitoring the respective programs, projects and services.

"This grant will help 3 local Community Based Organizations in providing necessary and important health services to Latino residents of the District of Columbia," said OLA's Executive Director, Gustavo Velasquez. "Recipient agencies will be able to use these funds to improve their current programs and start new health services addressed to DC's Latino community."

The recipient agencies and award amounts are:

- Neighbors' Consejo, \$350,000
- Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, \$50,000
- EOFULA Spanish Senior Center, \$25,000

Congratulations to the new grantees!